Non-NFSM districts to enhance the production of pulses and maize. The Government has also launched a new scheme National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility in November, 2008 to promote balanced use of nutrients for higher production.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was also launched in 2007-08 with an outlay of Rs. 25000 crores for XI Plan (2007-08 to 2011-12) to incentivise States to invest and reorient the current agricultural development strategies.

Although it would be too early to predict about the food situation in 2020, it can be visualized with a reasonable degree of confidence that the country would not only remain comfortable on foodgrains front during the 11th Plan but may also have some elbow room for export of wheat and rice.

Classification of iron ores for fixing freight charges

*179. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has classified iron ores for fixing freight charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether steel producers have resented the proposal; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Iron Ore for domestic consumption has been classified at Class-180 and Iron Ore for export has been classified at Class-200X.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Some of the Steel producers have represented for lowering the freight rates. These requests were examined and were not found feasible to agree to.

Recruitment in the railways

*180. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recruitment made in the Railways during the last three years, post-wise, year-wise and zone-wise;

(b) the number of candidates selected to various posts in the Indian Railways in the last three years, post-wise, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the Railways would face any constraints to issue a White Paper on the recruitment of various posts made in various zones of the Indian Railways in the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Ministry would issue a White Paper on the recruitment of various posts in the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.